

OFFICE OF THE *EX-OFFICIO* SECRETARY, MYSORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, BANGALORE.

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 23RD MEETING OF THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.—DECEMBER SESSION.—10TH TO 15TH DECEMBER 1931.

No. R. 2767—L. C., dated 2nd January 1932.

The twenty-third meeting of the Legislative Council commenced in the New Council Hall, Public Offices, Bangalore, on the 10th December 1931, and its deliberations lasted for five days. Rajakaryaprasakta Diwan Bhadur M. N. Krishna Rao occupied the President's Chair. All the members were present except Mr. O. V. Rajagopal and Dr. D. S. Ramachandra Rao.

1. *New Members sworn in.*

The following new members took their seats after taking the prescribed oath of allegiance to His Highness the Maharaja:—

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| 1. Mr. S. H. Dennis    | 4. Dr. J. V. Karve        |
| 2. " H. V. Ramaswami   | 5. Mr. S. Srinivasa Aiyar |
| 3. " D. T. Kesaviengar |                           |

2. *Secretary's Report.*

The Secretary reported to the House that the following Regulations had received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja on the dates specified against them:—

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| 1. A Regulation further to amend the Mysore Income-tax Regulation, 1923     | 23rd June 1931. |
| 2. A Regulation further to amend the Mysore Tank Panchayet Regulation, 1911 | 30th June 1931. |
| 3. A Regulation to amend the Mysore Motor Vehicles Regulation, 1928.        | 1st July 1931.  |

3. *Questions and Answers.*

There were 187 questions on the agenda and in respect of 160 of them, printed answers were furnished to the members. The total number of questions that were actually put and answered was 46 and supplementary questions were answered on many of them.

4. *Election of Members to the Committee on Public Accounts.*

Fourteen candidates stood for election to the Committee on Public Accounts for the year 1931-32 and the following who obtained the largest number of votes were declared duly elected:—

- Mr. V. Venkatappa.  
 " D. H. Chandrasekharaiya, B.A., LL.B.  
 " H. B. Gundappa, B.A., B.L.  
 " H. Siddaiya, B.A., LL.B.

5. *Bills.*

There were 14 legislative measures before the House. Of these, four bills were finally passed, viz., the Bill for the Registration of Medical Practitioners in Mysore, the Bill further to amend the Mysore Municipal Regulation, 1906, the Bill further to amend the Mysore Village Panchayet Regulation, 1926, and the Bill to amend the Mysore Land Record of Rights Regulation, 1927. The following five bills were read and referred to Select Committees:—

1. Bill to amend the Mysore District Board Regulation, 1926.
2. Bill to define and amend the law relating to the Sale of Goods.
3. Bill to amend the Indian Contract Act, 1872, as in force in Mysore.
4. Bill to amend the Hindu Law as to the Rights of Women.
5. Bill further to amend the Mysore Forest Regulation, 1900.

The Bill further to amend the Mysore Motor Vehicles Regulation, 1928, was read in Council and taken into consideration at once without being referred to a Select Committee and it was resolved that the bill be passed at a subsequent meeting of the Council.

The Report of the Select Committee to which the Mysore Irrigation Bill had been referred was presented to the Council, and after consideration of the same and also of some amendments proposed by the Government and certain non-official members, the passing of the amended Bill was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

Leave was granted for the introduction of three new Bills, the first to make better provision for the administration of Town Municipalities, the second of City Municipalities and the third of Minor Municipalities.

It was reported to the Council that a petition received from the President of the Mysore District Automobile Association, Mysore, protesting against the proposed enhancement of road cess did not relate to any matter actually under the consideration of the House and the petition was thereupon rejected by the Council.

#### 6. *Demands for additional and supplementary grants for 1931-32.*

A demand for supplementary or additional grants of the aggregate amount of Rs. 23,86,421 under three heads of account were placed before the Council on the third and fourth days. Twenty-five out motions were tabled for discussion. Some of them were moved and lost when put to vote. Others were withdrawn after the objections raised were answered. All the demands were finally passed.

#### 7. *Adjournment Motions.*

On the fourth day of the Session, notice of an adjournment motion was given, the object being to discuss the situation created by the Government Order dated 24th November 1931, regarding the collection of land revenue assessment in certain villages in the Shikarpur Taluk and on the fifth day, another adjournment motion was proposed with the object of discussing the serious allegations made against the Police by the non-Official Committee which enquired into the Benny Mill Disturbances. Both motions were disallowed by the President under the rules.

#### 8. *Resolutions.*

The resolutions on the agenda numbered 75, but only five were taken up on the last day of the Session. The first resolution related to the permanent reduction on a progressive scale in the salaries of all Government Officers drawing more than one hundred rupees per month. The resolution was put to vote after discussion and lost.

The second, third and fourth resolutions related to the same matter, *viz.*, the formation of a mixed Committee of Officials and non-Officials to exhaustively enquire into the various aspects regarding the abolition of the hereditary Shanbhogi system and its substitution by salaried Shanbhogs. On the suggestion of the Government that the proposed change might be usefully considered after the Record of Rights system was introduced, the resolution was withdrawn by the mover.

The last resolution discussed was in connection with the action to be taken by Government in the matter of constructing houses for factory labourers in the cities of Mysore and Bangalore. It was stated on behalf of Government that the problem was under their consideration and the resolution was accepted by Government with a slight verbal alteration.

The Council thereupon adjourned *sine die*.

By Order,  
C. SUBRAHMANYA AIYAR,  
Ex-officio Secretary,  
Mysore Legislative Council.

#### ELECTRICAL SECRETARIAT.

No 794, dated 28th December 1931.

The period of appointment of Mr. T. Rangaswamy as Special Officer in the Electrical Department ordered till the end of December 1931 in Notification No. E. D. S. 244-52 dated the 19th August 1931, is hereby extended by six months, *i.e.*, till the close of the current official year.

2. During this period Mr. Rangaswamy will in addition to his present work of popularisation of the use of electric power in rural areas for irrigation and industrial purposes attend to intensive canvassing in the Cities and Towns for use of electric power for lighting and power purposes and to the study of the working of the existing electrically driven irrigation pumps, etc.

By Order,  
S. SRINIVASA AIYAR,  
Offg. Secretary to Government,  
Electrical Department.